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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

# Equinox Gold Extends Fazenda Mine Life by Seven Years with Updated Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource Estimate

January 7, 2025 – Vancouver, BC – Equinox Gold Corp. (TSX: EQX, NYSE American: EQX) ("Equinox Gold" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that an updated Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource estimate effective June 30, 2024 for its Fazenda Mine ("Fazenda") has extended the Fazenda mine life to 2033. Fazenda has been operating in Bahia State, Brazil since 1984 as a combined underground and open pit mine.

## **Highlights**

- Fazenda Mineral Reserves increased 142% to 763 thousand ounces ("koz") of contained gold, extending the Fazenda mine life to 2033 at the current throughput rate of 3,400 tonnes per day. This increase is net of 242 koz of mining depletion since the previous Mineral Reserve update in 2021
- Fazenda Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources increased 418% to 1.524 million ounces ("Moz") of contained gold, exclusive of Mineral Reserves and net of Mineral Resource conversion
- Fazenda Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource average grades increased 22% and 25%, respectively

Scott Heffernan, EVP Exploration of Equinox Gold, stated: "Results from focused exploration at Fazenda over the last three years have exceeded our expectations, delivering significant mine life extension and resource growth net of mining depletion. The success of these efforts now provides a foundation on which to evaluate potential expansion opportunities at the Fazenda Mine. Future exploration programs will continue to evaluate underground and open pit opportunities in the immediate area of the Fazenda property as well as assess regional potential in the greenstone belt that extends to Equinox Gold's Santa Luz Mine to the north."

The Company continues to see significant exploration potential at Fazenda and has approved a 60,000 m diamond drill program for 2025 that will focus on Mineral Reserve replacement and additional near-mine resource growth.

## **Fazenda Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource Update**

The Fazenda Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource update incorporates 197,098 metres ("m") (1,599 holes) of drilling completed from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 and includes additional geotechnical information, updated mining costs and an updated gold price for the mine design. The increased drilling density supported an update to the geologic model with significantly improved connectivity between the mineralized horizons, particularly within the Canto Unit, that were previously modeled only as isolated, local zones. The updated mine plan includes contributions from nine open-pit and three underground mining areas (Figure 1).

Fazenda Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves at June 30, 2024 are estimated at 13.2 million tonnes ("Mt") grading 1.80 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold for 763 koz of contained gold (Table 1), a 142% increase, net of mining depletion, over the previous estimate in 2021.

Fazenda Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources, exclusive of Mineral Reserves, are estimated at 21.4 Mt grading 2.21 g/t gold for 1.524 Moz of contained gold, representing a 418% increase over the previous estimate

net of resource conversion. Inferred Mineral Resources have increased by 68% to 4.7 Mt grading 1.77 g/t gold for 266 koz of contained gold. New open pit deposit areas include Barrocas Southwest, Papagaio, and Raminhos.

Table 1: Fazenda Mineral Reserve Estimate at June 30, 2024

Category	Tonnes (kt)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (koz)
Proven			
Underground	1,935	1.99	124
Open Pit	10,358	1.79	595
Subtotal Proven	12,293	1.82	719
Probable			
Underground	462	1.90	28
Open Pit	386	1.27	16
Stockpile	20	0.99	1
Subtotal Probable	868	1.60	45
<b>Total Proven &amp; Probable</b>	13,161	1.80	763

Notes: CIM Definition Standards (2014) were followed for Mineral Reserves. Mineral Reserves are reported at a cut-off grade of 1.36 g/t Au for underground stoping and 0.43 g/t for development, and a cut-off grade of between 0.54 and 0.66 g/t Au for open pits. Mineral Reserves are estimated using an average long-term gold price of \$1,500/oz for open pits and \$1,800/oz for underground, at an exchange rate of R\$4.80: US\$1.00. A minimum mining width of 2.0 m was used for underground Mineral Reserves. The Qualified Person ("QP") for open pit is David Warren, P.Eng., of AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd. The QP for underground is Dominic Claridge, FAusIMM, of AMC Consultants (UK) Limited. Mineral Reserves include dilution and mining recovery. Numbers may not compute exactly due to rounding.

Table 2: Fazenda Mineral Resource Estimate (Exclusive of Reserves) at June 30, 2024

	Category	Tonnes (kt)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (koz)
Open Pit	Measured	5,772	1.80	334
	Indicated	698	1.23	28
	M&I	6,470	1.74	361
	Inferred	2,593	1.35	113
Underground	Measured	12,646	2.49	1,014
	Indicated	2,302	2.01	149
	M&I	14,948	2.42	1,163
	Inferred	2,088	2.29	154
	Measured	18,418	2.28	1,348
Total Fazenda	Indicated	3,000	1.83	176
Resource	M&I	21,418	2.21	1,524
	Inferred	4,681	1.77	266

Notes: The CIM Definition Standards (2014) were followed for the classification of Mineral Resources. Mineral Resources are reported exclusive of Mineral Reserves. Open pit Mineral Resources are reported within conceptual pit shells at a cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t Au, based on a gold price of \$1,700/oz, mining cost of \$1.79/t to \$2.70/t, processing cost of \$14.60/t, G&A cost of \$4.69/t, recovery of 75% to 90%, and an exchange rate of R\$4.80:US\$1.00. Underground Mineral Resources are reported within conceptual stope shapes based on a gold price of \$2,000/oz, mining cost of \$36.20/t, processing cost of \$14.60/t, G&A cost of \$4.69/t, recovery of 86% to 90%, a cut-off grade of 1.0 g/t Au, and an exchange rate of R\$4.80:US\$1.00. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Benoit Poupeau, FAusIMM (CP), a QP as defined by NI 43-101, who is independent of Equinox Gold, prepared this Mineral Resource estimate. Totals may not sum precisely due to rounding.

The current mine plan includes contributions from nine open-pit and three underground mining areas, as shown in Figure 1. The CLX and Canto 2 open pit and underground deposits host 75% of the Mineral Reserve and 85% of the Mineral Resource. The 2025 exploration program will primarily focus on the underground potential in the

main CLX area, as well as testing the continuity and depth potential of the new Barrocas SW, Papagaio and Raminhos open pits.

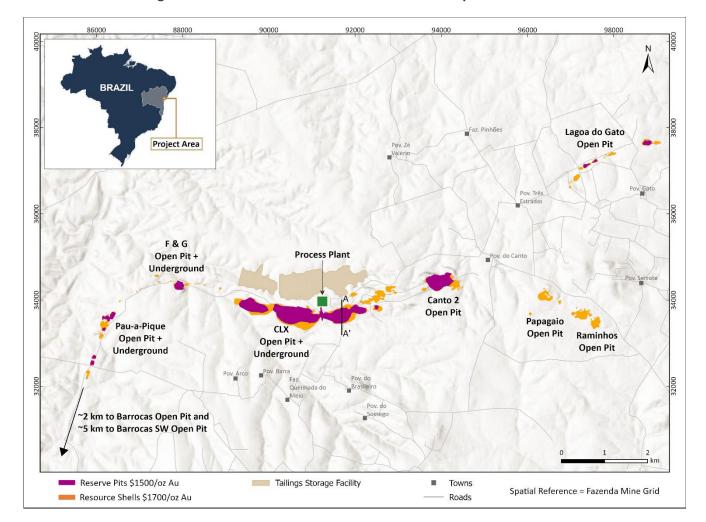


Figure 1: Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource Map of Fazenda Mine

## **Fazenda Geologic Model Update**

Gold mineralization at Fazenda is hosted in and around veins that are present in several horizons. These include the upper and lower CLX horizons, which are the primary historical ore sources and are hosted in the Fazenda Brasileiro Unit, which is a hydrothermally altered metagabbro sill. Beneath this is the Canto Unit, a thick series of metasediments intercalated with metabasalt flows and felsic volcaniclastics, which host additional gold-mineralized vein networks that are significantly underexplored relative to the CLX horizons. Drilling over the past three years has focused on stepping out from the CLX ore zones and extending drill holes into the Canto Unit. Several years of infill and exploration drilling, combined with detailed geologic and structural re-logging, have enhanced the understanding and interpretation of the deposit. Geological evidence indicates the continuity of mineralized bodies along both strike and dip, which allowed a revision of the geological interpretation. This reinterpretation provided a foundation for updating the block model and subsequently the estimation of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves in the CLX and Canto Sequences within the Fazenda Brasileiro unit. The CLX zone is now modeled as a cohesive geologic feature, acknowledging its continuity along strike and dip, rather than smaller individual zones. The sub-parallel gold-mineralized zones within the Canto Unit have also been reinterpreted using the same approach, adding significantly to the size and extent of mineralization.

Figure 2 shows a schematic cross section of Fazenda in the CLX deposit area, highlighting the CLX mineralized zones and the addition of the Canto mineralized zones.

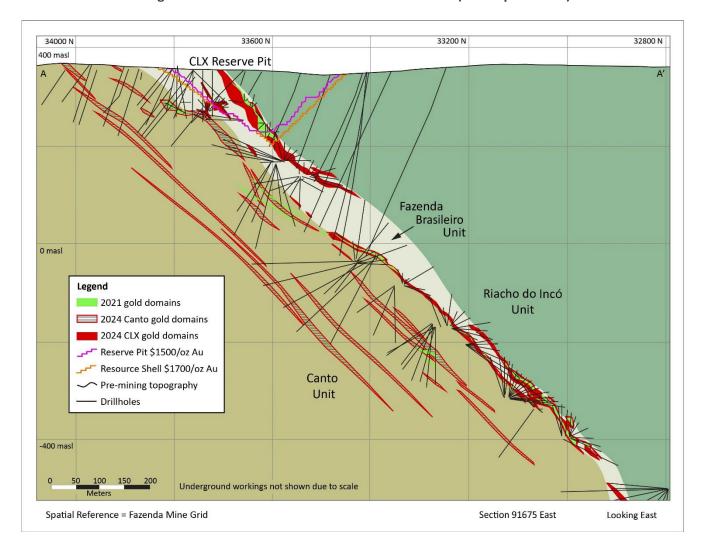


Figure 2: Schematic Cross Section of Fazenda Mine (CLX Deposit Area)

Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources are reported in compliance with CIM Definition Standards (2014). Mineral Reserves are estimated using an average long-term gold price of \$1,500/oz for open pits and \$1,800/oz for underground. Open pit Mineral Resources are reported within a pit shell using \$1,700/oz gold and a cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t gold. Underground Mineral Resources are reported within conceptual mining stopes based on \$2,000/oz gold and a cut-off grade of 1.0 g/t gold. Mineral Resources are reported exclusive of Mineral Reserves. An updated National Instrument 43-101 compliant technical report for Fazenda will be filed within 45 days on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca, on EDGAR at www.sec.gov/EDGAR and on the Company's website at www.equinoxgold.com.

# **Qualified Persons**

Doug Reddy, M.Sc., P.Geo., Equinox Gold's COO and Scott Heffernan, M.Sc., P.Geo., Equinox Gold's EVP Exploration, are qualified persons ("QP") under National Instrument 43-101, have reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information related to exploration and Mineral Resource matters contained in this news release.

## **About Equinox Gold**

Equinox Gold is a growth-focused Canadian mining company operating entirely in the Americas, with seven operating gold mines and a clear path to achieve more than one million ounces of annual gold production from a pipeline of expansion projects. Equinox Gold's common shares are listed on the TSX and the NYSE American under the trading symbol EQX. Further information about Equinox Gold's portfolio of assets and long-term growth strategy is available at www.equinoxgold.com or by email at ir@equinoxgold.com.

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